

I urge my colleagues to cosponsor the Gun Ban Repeal Act.

HONORING DR. STEPHEN K.
ROBINSON

HON. BILL BAKER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 4, 1995

Mr. BAKER of California. Mr. Speaker, remarkable Americans deserve recognition by the Congress, which is why I am glad to honor Dr. Stephen K. Robinson for his recent selection as a mission specialist for future flights of the Space Shuttle by the National Aeronautic and Space Administration.

Dr. Robinson is a 1973 graduate of Campolindo High School in Moraga, which is located in my District in the East Bay area of California. Currently a research scientist in the Fluid Mechanics and Acoustics Division of NASA's Langley Research Center in Hampton, VA, Dr. Robinson will serve as one of several mission specialists on future Space Shuttle flights. He will relocate to Houston in March of next year to begin 1 year of training at the Johnson Space Center, during which he will learn how to operate and integrate the dozens of systems used on the Shuttle.

Dr. Robinson graduated from the University of California, Davis in 1978 with a degree in mechanical/aeronautical engineering. He went on to obtain masters and doctorate degrees in mechanical engineering from Stanford University. Dr. Robinson's parents, William and Joyce Robinson, continue to reside in Moraga.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Robinson deserves high praise for being chosen in a very competitive process. His appointment is testimony to his diligent pursuit of professional excellence, and I am pleased to commend this outstanding East Bay native for his contributions to our country.

HONORING THE GREENPOINT
LIONS CLUB AND BUD MADDEN

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 4, 1995

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Greenpoint Lions Club, and its newest Melvin Jones Fellow, Bud Madden.

The Greenpoint Lions Club was organized on December 1, 1939, and sponsored by the Brooklyn Lions Club. Past presidents of the Greenpoint Lions Club are practically a Who's Who of Greenpoint.

The Greenpoint Club is one of more than 60 area clubs, comprising a district which includes Brooklyn and Queens. This district is part of a larger district covering New York State and Bermuda. The local district joins with other clubs in 178 countries and geographic areas, making the Greenpoint Lions Club a member of the largest service organization in the world.

Every year the Club raises money and names a Melvin Jones Fellow to help fulfill its motto, "We Serve." And who have they served? The Lions give their steadfast support

to the YMCA, Greenpoint Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Little League, Polish National Alliance, churches, Scouts and the local police department, parks and playgrounds. Others in need only have to ask.

The club has recently sponsored the Toys For Tots program, providing gifts, clothing and toys at holidays throughout the Greenpoint community. In addition, old eye glass collection boxes have been filled many times, adding to the club's spirit of service to the needy. Melvin Jones Fellowships continue to grow because of its outstanding contributions, especially to "Campaign Sight First."

I ask that my colleagues join me in saluting the Greenpoint Lions Club and Bud Madden for all of the wonderful work they do. Their tremendous community spirit and efforts to improve the lives of those in need is an inspiration to us all.

TRIBUTE TO ROSE WHITE

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 4, 1995

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mrs. Rose White, a prominent member of the Third Congressional District of Illinois, who celebrated her 80th birthday on December 9, 1994. I would like to share with my colleagues the notable accomplishments that have highlighted Mrs. White's life.

Rose White was born of immigrant parents in Chicago, IL on December 9, 1914. Growing up as one of nine brothers and sisters during the Great Depression, Rose learned the value of hard work and family unity. She demonstrated her commitment to work and family during the Second World War when she juggled both a factory job and three young children while her husband fought the war overseas. After the war, in 1947, Rose and her husband became homeowners and settled with their four children in the Garfield Ridge community on the southwest side.

In addition to being a model homemaker and mother, Rose has always been an active member of the Garfield Ridge community. Her membership in the Democratic Club of Garfield Ridge led to her career as a Judge for the Board of Elections at the 23d Ward, a position she has held for 35 years. Rose is also a member of other various community organizations. For example, Rose is a member of the Garfield Ridge Civic League and has held the offices of Treasurer and Membership Chairperson. She has served as treasurer of the Garfield Ridge Council of Organizations during her 10-year membership. She is a welcome member of the American Legion Auxiliary and local VFW. In the past she has served as an advisor to the Junior Auxiliary of the American Legion and was an active member of the Byrne and Kinzie Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization. Plus, in her spare time, Rose relaxes with the Garfield Ridge Garden Club and volunteers at the Regional Veterans Administration Hospital.

Rose has filled her 80 years of life with family, friends, hard work, dedication, and service to her country and community. She is a model citizen and deserves to be commended for her outstanding accomplishments. I am sure that my colleagues would like to join me in congratulating Mrs. Rose White on her 80th birth-

day and encourage her to continue in all her endeavors. With best wishes I hope that Rose's life continues to be an adventure and offers her many more pleasant memories.

MAKE PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL
SUBJECT TO THE ANTITRUST
LAWS

HON. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 4, 1995

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, the game of baseball has provided Americans of all ages with a source of entertainment since the first professional game was played in 1869. It truly is the American past-time. But in recent years ugly labor disputes have tarnished the game and hurt baseball fans. One of the reasons why the players have felt compelled to go on strike—including the present strike action—is that the baseball owners are exempt from U.S. antitrust laws.

As a former athlete from the University of Pittsburgh, and a staunch supporter of all working people, I believe that this is a detriment to the great game of baseball. The antitrust exemption has denied the players the same bargaining tools and leverage currently enjoyed by other professional athletes. While I won't even attempt to characterize athletes whose average salary is well over \$500,000 a year as victims, they should be afforded the same rights and bargaining opportunities as other professional athletes.

Clearly, the American people aren't concerned with the details of the dispute. They don't care about salary caps, free agency or arbitration. All they want is for the bickering and posturing to end, and for the umpires to yell "Play Ball!" Since the players went on strike last August, all efforts to mediate the dispute have failed. Clearly, the owners have indicated that they no longer have the best interests of baseball in mind and they have lost the trust Congress placed in them back in 1922 when they moved to exempt Major League Baseball from U.S. anti-trust laws. Removing this exemption may be the only way to end the strike and save the 1995 season.

That's why today I am introducing the Professional Baseball Antitrust Reform Act of 1995. This bill provides that professional baseball teams and leagues composed of such teams shall be subject to all antitrust laws. The bill also states that the Congress finds the business of organized professional baseball is in, or affects interstate commerce, and therefore the existing antitrust laws should be amended to reverse the result of the decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States, which exempted baseball from coverage under those laws.

In introducing this legislation, I am not professing to take sides in the dispute. I believe both parties share some of the blame for the sorry state of the game of baseball. My desire is to force the union and the owners to sit down, negotiate in good faith, and come to an agreement that both sides can live with. Professional football and basketball are both subject to U.S. anti-trust laws. Interestingly enough, both sports are doing extremely well financially, both sports have salary caps—and